

SENATE BILL 644

By Henry

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102, relative to consumption of alcoholic beverages at certain zoological institutions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102(38), is amended by redesignating the existing language as subdivision (A) and adding the following language as a new subdivision (B):

(B) "Zoological institution" also means a facility which contains a zoological garden or collection of living animals and provides for their care and housing for public exhibition and further possesses the following characteristics:

(i) The zoo is operated on property leased by a county having a metropolitan form of government and has been opened to the public on that property at least since 1997;

(ii) The zoo has been accredited by and maintains the accreditation of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA); and

(iii) The zoo is located in a county having a metropolitan form of government and a population in excess of five hundred thousand (500,000), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.